

present case it is the term itself of the patent which is partly inoperative as a consequence of the applicant claiming more or less priority than was necessary. It is therefore submitted that reissue is an appropriate vehicle for correction of that defect.

With respect to the surrender of the original patent applicants hereby offer to surrender the original patent in the event their request for reissue of the patent with extended term is accepted.

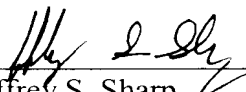
CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and issuance of each of pending claims 1 through 9 is hereby solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues of form or substance, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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